

# METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VIRTUAL BEARER

## ABSTRACT

5           A mobile communication device, and a method of operating a mobile  
communication device, includes storing at least one frame of a  
communication signal received from a network, and applying flow control to  
the lower layers to support network reselection. According to one aspect of  
the invention, a message is transmitted indicating that a virtual bearer mode  
10 of operation is supported by the mobile communication device. The mobile  
communication device selectively operates in the virtual bearer mode  
depending upon the response received following such transmission.  
Additionally, flow control may advantageously be dependent upon detecting  
that a cell change is imminent.

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